

G. P. PUTNAM'S SONS,
27 & 29, WEST 23d STREET,
NEW YORK.
24, BEDFORD STREET, STRAND,
LONDON.

Telegraphic Address: PUTNAM, LONDON.

London,

16th June 1896

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gentlemen

Teddington, June 15th 1896

R.D. Blackmore Esq:
Teddington

I am much surprised to hear that your "Lorna Doone" is being offered for sale that most perfectly copied photograph from "Lorna Doone" as published in England. The gentleman who has been high before that is Messrs. & High, the temple you to do what no private gentleman & regards honorable especially after what has passed between us. It has appeared to you, again, with treatment

Since we, gentlemen
Yours A.D. Blackmore

Dear Sir,

We have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of yesterday, and in reply would say that we are not aware on this side of the Atlantic that our New York house is selling the reproduction of your photograph from "Lorna Doone", although we admit that it was included in the list of portraits in our catalogue which was printed during the fall of last year, and we hardly suppose that the supply of this catalogue is exhausted.

When writing to Mr Putnam to-morrow we will bring the matter under his attention, and we shall doubtless hear from him in due course.

Respectfully,

G. P. Putnam's sons
etc.

We have not sold any copies of the portrait
on this side of the Atlantic

For the very good reason that
you have not. - Copyright here -

over

Good
Dear Mr. H. H.

June 17, 1896

You see how savage these fellows have made the N. A. true
this firm (who sell in that) refused to book the offer & then
a year ago. Now, that I write just for your reference,
but without it, as my counsel is not with you.

"The heavy heads of this old age
They robbed of all its wisdom,
But now, that it is dull, they scrape
Some profit from the skin-side."

Version of my

I have just a mild digraph on your piece, I think
it is the best. I think you will not think me one of the
Indians. Here is another.

"The silence, explain the birth,
And happiness is that."

"I give that youth that he worth
nothing for my photo."

I am sorry "Dance" but the son of a bitch, & the public on your
side [who make it both sides to reach my photo] will have
it every figure. Best wishes & regards from Truly yours
R. B. B. B. B.

P.S. - Cash this away. I shall take no more heed of their deays.
This is enough here - I wonder ever into heaven.



"LORNA DOONE."—Richard Doddridge Blackmore, the author of "Lorna Doone," the centenary of whose birth falls to-morrow. He died at Teddington on January 20, 1940.



BLACKMORE'S BIRTHPLACE.—Longworth Rectory, near Faringdon, Berkshire, where the novelist was born when his father was Curate-in-Charge of the parish. The centenary is being observed at Teddington to-morrow, and at Tiverton on Friday next.

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